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An enteric coating formulation comprising shellac and alginate. 4

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An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, 6 wherein the alginate is sodium alginate. 7

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An enteric coating formulation as in Claims 1 or 2, 9 wherein the Shellac is in aqueous form. 10

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An enteric coating formulation as in any of the 1.2 4. previous Claims, wherein the Shellac is in aqueous 13 salt form. 14

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An enteric coating formulation as in any of the 5. 16 previous Claims, wherein the formulation is edible. 17

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An enteric coating formulation as in any of the previous Claims, wherein the formulation comprises between 10-90% Shellac. 21

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An enteric coating formulation as in Claims 1 to 5, 23 wherein the formulation comprises between 10-90% 24 alginate. 25

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An enteric coating formulation as in Claims 1 to 5, 27 where there are equal quantities of Shellac and 28 sodium alginate present in the formulation. 29

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An enteric coating formulation as in any of the 31 9. previous Claims, wherein the formulation is in the 32 form of a spray solution or a suspension. 33

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1 10. An enteric coating formulation as in any of the previous Claims, wherein the alginate is of a low 3 viscosity grade. 4 5 An enteric coating formulation as in any of the 6 11. previous Claims, wherein the alginate has a 7 viscosity of between 200 and 300 cps. 8 9 An enteric coating formulation as in any of the 10 previous Claims, wherein the formulation further 11 comprises a plasticiser. 12 13 13. A method of applying an enteric coating formulation 14 of any of the previous Claims, wherein the 15 formulation is applied to a dosage unit by spraying. 16 17 A dosage unit comprising an enteric outer coating, 18 wherein the enteric outer coating is of a 19 formulation as described in Claims 1 to 12. 20 21 A method for preparing an enteric coating for any of 22 Claims 1 to 12, comprising the step of mixing an 23 aqueous solution of an alkali salt of Shellac with 24 an aqueous solution of sodium alginate. 25

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